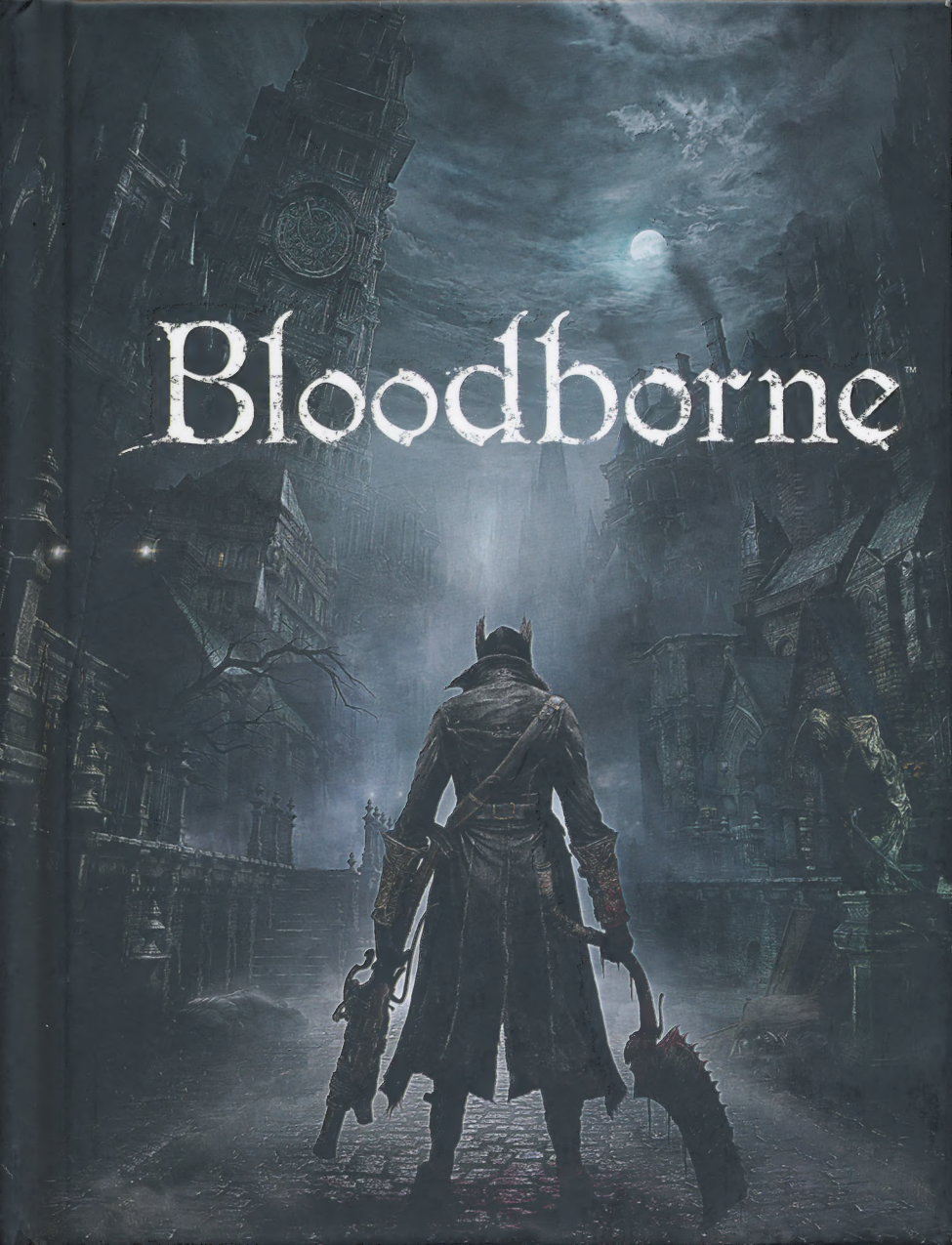


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# Prologue

Yharnam.

Hidden amongst the furthest reaches of the treacherous eastern mountains, this city lies in seclusion.

Forgotten.

Cursed.

An affliction has cursed the city for countless ages, an endemic nightmare known only as the Scourge of the Beast. Those afflicted by this sickness lose all sense of reason, transforming into what can only be described as Beasts. Night after night, Hunters arise to cleanse the streets of these horrors.





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# World

A cursed city, dark, abhorrent . . . Stories told of the mysterious city of Yharnam are both vague and abstract. But while descriptions of the city itself are lacking, details of the epidemic known as the Scourge of the Beast have been around longer than anyone can recall. Many sick travelers have made their way to Yharnam's gates to seek a certain mysterious procedure, despite its puzzling and sacrilegious nature. However, details of the city are scarce because very few travelers have ever returned from Yharnam's gates again. The town's true nature is at once refined and beautiful, and also macabre and horrific. More so than even the rumors could ever describe.

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# Characters

There are but two kinds of creatures that traverse the streets of Yharnam: Beasts and Hunters. To better react to the inhumanly fast movements of the Beasts, a Hunter's garb must be light and nimble. Many hunters don hoods or plague doctor masks to hide their true identity. How many inhabitants are there left in Yharnam still untouched by the scourge, and what kind of assistance might they be able to offer to the roaming Hunters?















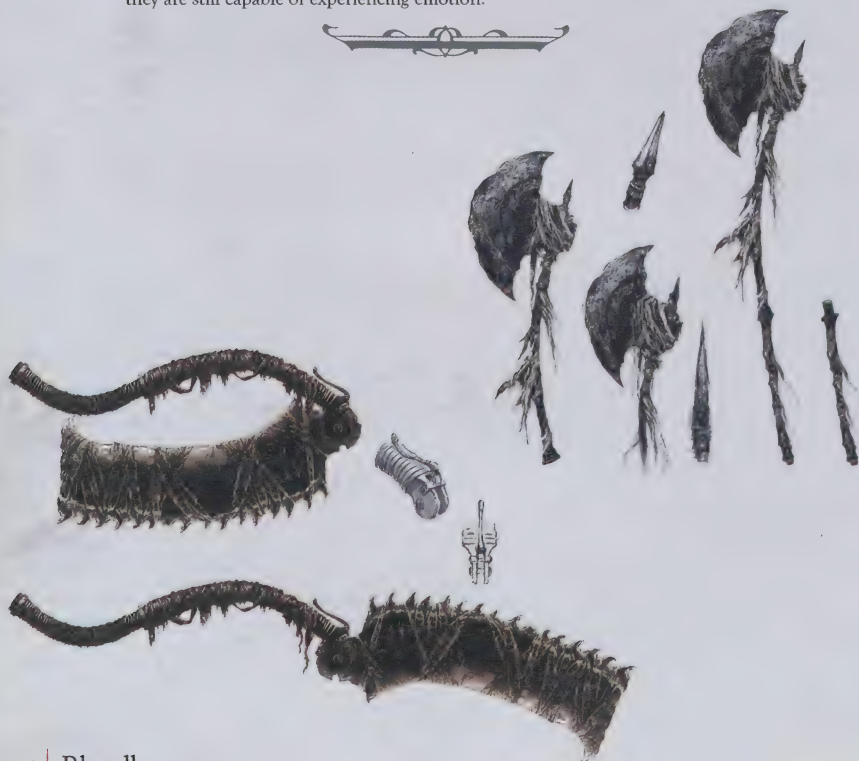






# Weaponry

The weapons that Hunters wield are extraordinary in more ways than one. Imbued with astonishing mechanisms and Machiavellian designs, each weapon is a death sentence to any Beast. Among these death dealers is the Saw Cleaver, which boasts a serrated blade capable of slicing through a beast's flesh and bone with ease, and a retracting handle that can slice its target in twain. No wonder it is said to be capable of striking fear into the heart of anyone in its path. Although, to assume a weapon can strike fear in a Beast's heart is to presume that they are still capable of experiencing emotion.















# Beasts & Other Nightmares



Those afflicted with the Scourge of the Beast sooner or later transform into unspeakable abominations . . . Creatures without familiar shape or form. There are old stories in Yharnam that claim that the noble clergy members there eventually become truly horrific monstrosities, leaving behind no visible trace of their former humanity. After roaming the streets night after night to rid the streets of Beasts, even the denizens themselves eventually take on a crazed and demented look that is so commonplace it has been called the “Yharnam Visage.” Look deep into their clouded eyes and you will find it impossible to tell the difference between Hunter and Beast any longer.

